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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: U.S. DIPLOMACY, GREECE

Editorial Quotes

11. U.S. DIOPLOMACY

a. "Obama doesn't love Japan and doesn't necessarily love China"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao) (12/15): "During the American transition, the Chinese and Japanese media are usually very enthusiastic in discussing who will be favored by the new government. Some members of the Chinese media have expressed their happiness that the new U.S. Government will place more emphasis on China than on Japan. China should realize that the U.S. decides who to favor based on serving strategic interests. Obama favoring Japan does not mean he will not favor China and vice versa. This debate reflects the competitive spirit and hostility that happens between China and Japan. It also reflects that the two countries judge themselves based on the U.S. opinions and they are not independent in their opinions. This is not the general pain of the whole Asia. Both China and Japan, as well as other Asian nations should reject the negative influence left by Western colonization as soon as possible."

b. "Will Obama give up America's missile defense plan?"

The official intellectual publication Guangming Daily (Guangming Ribao)(12/15): "Next week, the U.S. and Russia will conduct a negotiation on the anti-missile issue. Moscow thinks that it is possible that Obama will reconsider the anti-missile system plan. There are still some uncertainties concerning the U.S. deploying an anti-missile system in Eastern Europe. Some Western allies of the U.S. have expressed dissatisfaction about this plan. The U.S.'s plan to deploy this system in Eastern Europe has an obvious Cold War mentality and is mostly for strategic deterrence. The financial crisis has given the U.S. a chance to reconsider its strategy. People hope that Obama could consider its anti-missile deployment plan from a high level of strategic stabilities in the world and devote America to the world's peace and development."

12. GREECE

"What lessons can China learn from the riots in Greece?"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao)(12/15): "Analysts believe that continuing riots have profound reasons behind them. For example Greek analysts indicated that the core issue is the government's economic policy and officials' scandals. When society is in crisis, government's public credit is deeply challenged. For example whether or not officials endure difficulties with the public together and whether or not they have the same rights as officials. No matter under which social system, as long as power inequalities, corruption or the gap between the rich and the poor exist, the great potential for social risks is being hidden. The riots in Greece symbolize the fact that the economic crisis brings social upheaval. China may have certain understandings about financial crisis and is

prepared to deal with the crisis, but they are in short supply of preparations and sound resolutions in order to avoid the social risks. The riot in Greece has enlightened China."

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